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Respectfully,

BRAINARD H. WARNER, Jr.,
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Bremen.

BREMEN, GERMANY, April 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that bills of health were issued to 3 vessels for America during the past week, and 1 for the island of Porto Rico. The number of emigrants embarking was 1,414, with 1 detention for goitre and strabismus (severe). A note was made of others with slight physical disability, and a list of the same supplied to the immigration officer at the port of destination. The physical condition of the emigrants at this port continues excellent.

The steamship *Koenigin Louise*, which sailed for New York on April 14, had arrived a short while previously from Sydney, Australia. Although no suspicious cases of sickness occurred aboard, she was disinfected throughout with formaldehyd gas.

The sanitary report of Bremen just ended shows 2 cases of diphtheria and 3 of scarlet fever.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Hamburg.

HAMBURG, April 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended April 14, 1900: The steamship *Palatia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed Sunday, April 8, carrying 1,063 steerage passengers bound to New York. The steamship *Barcelona*, of the Union Line, sailed on the 12th carrying 259 steerage passengers to the same port for the Hamburg American Line. The number of immigrants has decreased somewhat on account of the coming of Easter tide. The Russian emigrants still maintain the majority, but the character of these has been better the past couple of weeks than before. Bills of health were issued to 7 vessels during the week, of which 5 carried cargo.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Case of measles taken from the steerage passengers of the steamship Batavia.

HAMBURG, April 16, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that at the inspection of the steerage passengers of the steamship *Batavia*, yesterday, a Russian emigrant appeared for embarkation having a profuse eruption of measles, probably in the fifth day of the disease. He was stopped and sent to the hospital by the inspecting physician of the emigration bureau, but as he was presumably confined with the other Russians at the barracks

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here before the sailing of the vessel, there is of course danger of other cases occurring on the voyage among the Russians embarked on this vessel.

As there is supposed to be a daily medical inspection at the barracks and all Russian emigrants are inspected there at least once before appearing for embarkation, I do not understand how such a case escaped notice.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston—Fruit port.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, *April 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor hereby to submit my report for the week ended Tuesday, April 17. The Norwegian steamship *Managua* arrived at this port on the 11th instant and sailed, after complying with regulations, on the 12th for Mobile, Ala.; crew, counting officers, 16; passengers, 1; baggage, 2 pieces—one large and 1 small; cargo, green fruit (1,200 bunches of bananas). Copies of regulation certificate inclosed. Number of deaths, 1—adult male with chronic nephritis. General health of port very good. Heavy night rains and very hot days, occasioning a few acute malarial attacks. No contagious or infectious diseases present. Most of the water supply for the town is rain water, collected in tanks, and I believe it to be good. The port is so elevated that drainage is natural, but sewerage methods are primitive. * * *

Respectfully,

SAMUEL W. BACKUS,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Acknowledgment of receipt of information concerning yellow fever at San Salvador.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, *April 11, 1900.*

SIR: I beg leave to state that I received your cable this morning as follows:

United States Consul, Livingston, Guatemala:

Yellow fever epidemic San Salvador inform acting assistant surgeon on arrival.

WYMAN.

Your instructions were promptly complied with.

Respectfully,

FRANK C. DENNIS,

United States Consular Agent.

The SURGEON GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.